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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. MR. WOODCOCK'S SCHEDULE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MR. WOODCOCK WILL BE HERE MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. DAVID DEAN, WHO ARRIVES MONDAY FROM PEKING, WILL BE HERE ALL NEXT WEEK. FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR SUGGESTION, WE ARE SCHEDULING A JUNE 24 SESSION WITH MR. WOODCOCK AND FOUR LEADING ACADEMIC FIGURES ON CHINA. INR/XR IS SETTING UP THE PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE. FINAL LEGAL (CONFLICT OF INTEREST) AND MEDICAL CLEARANCES, ITEMS REQUIRED BEFORE THE SECRETARY SUBMITS MR. WOODCOCK'S NAME TO THE WHITE HOUSE, ARE INCOMPLETE, BUT WE HOPE TO HAVE THOSE NEXT WEEK.

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2. CSC BOARD DELEGATION TO CHINA (CONFIDENTIAL)

A DELEGATION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRC (CSC) LEAVES TODAY FOR CHINA, WITH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDENT PHILLIP HANDLER AS ITS LEADER. HANDLER ABRUPTLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT

HE MIGHT NOT GO; HE WAS UPSET AT CHINESE FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE CSC-PROPOSED AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING WITH THE PRC'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION. FOLLOWING URGENT PROMPTING BY THE CSC STAFF THROUGH PRCLC, THE CHINESE RESPONDED TODAY THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSULT ALL INVOLVED PRC ORGANIZATIONS, AND UPCOMING TALKS WOULD HAVE TO BE "IN PRINCIPLE," WITH FORMAL AGREEMENT COMING LATER IN THE YEAR. THIS WAS NOT THE RESPONSE HANDLER WAS LOOKING FOR, BUT HE DECIDED TO GO ANYWAY.

USLO'S CHARLIE SYLVESTER WILL ACCOMPANY THE CSC BOARD DURING ITS PEKING DISCUSSIONS. THE CHINESE INVITED SYLVESTER TO GO WITH THE CSC BOARD ON ITS TRAVELS TO THE REST OF CHINA, BUT WE HAVE TOLD USLO TO STICK BY OUR PREVIOUS (RELUCTANT) AGREEMENT WITH CSC'S POSITION THAT NO USG OFFICIAL WOULD ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION OUTSIDE PEKING.

3. HONG KONG DEFENSE ATTACHE TRAVEL TO PEKING
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CONGEN HONG KONG PROPOSED, AND USLO PEKING ENDORSED, THE TRAVEL TO PEKING ON CONSULTATIONS NEXT MONTH OF COL. GILLILLAND, CONGEN ARMY ATTACHE. WE HAVE DISAPPROVED THIS PROPOSAL, SINCE WE DO NOT WANT AT THIS STAGE TO INVITE ANOTHER CHINESE REFUSAL OF A VISA, AND WE THINK IT UNWISE, IN ANY CASE, NOW TO INTRODUCE THE ISSUE OF MILITARY CONTACTS.
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4. MEDICAL TEAM MEETS WITH BOURNE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MARY VON BRIESEN MET TODAY WITH DOCTORS INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY PETER BOURNE TO DISCUSS EXPANDED MEDICAL EXCHANGES WITH THE PRC. BOURNE HAD INVITED YOU TO CO-CHAIR THE MEETING. THE MEETING PRODUCED NOTHING CONCRETE AND DISCUSSION WAS UNFOCUSSED. MOST OF THE DOCTORS HAD BEEN TO CHINA SEVERAL TIMES AND SEEM INCLINED TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CHINESE ON A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE BASIS, WITHOUT USG INVOLVEMENT.
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